

The Dark Side of NARA Park

Call for Town's Attention to stop "crime" on Peet's Quarry Road property

A gradually calculated malicious series of acts of vandalism have occurred in the Quarry. From small intimidating acts to, more recently, 4 sculptures of mine have gone missing and landscaping has been destroyed. We reported these incidents 4 times to the police, only to find the day after the most recent report a lock on a chain like this was violently broken against a tree for no particular reason. The motive is unknown. Some people have suggested that it's kids out for fun. However, analyzing the way it was done, we have a few clues:

- 1) Whoever did this actually was not just a bunch of kids, nor does it appear that they went there for "fun" (because a kayak was there left untouched while other larger, heavier objects were disturbed, broken or missing). Moreover, some of the acts of vandalism must have required great strength and effort; metal sculptures and pieces of granite weigh more than 300lbs and were installed in places that were not easily moved or removed.
- 2) The heavy-duty fence ties that were not cut but untied suggests that this is a tall and very strong person. The footprints left in the scene belong to a large-size person.
- 3) Whoever is doing the harassment and creating the damage is carefully calculative by arranging some relatively insignificant pre-shadowing to intimidate us in the way that a stalker would do to his/her victim before the actual crime occurs.
- 4) One of the criminal acts was done between 7:30PM and 8AM, which suggests that the criminal may live in the neighborhood and have easy access to the trail entering the Quarry property and also know when we are not around.

The Acton Police Department has advised us that the vandalism on our property does not show any signs or signature marks that would qualify it as a hate crime. Therefore, it would be inappropriate to use such a term. However, we would like to ask some fundamental questions for this democratic society. First, is it acceptable that when someone breaks into another's yard, smashing things and taking private property away, he/she should be forgiven if the person(s) said he/she did it so just for fun?

With good intentions we have struggled for 4 years trying to bring art and a non-profit art education organization to Acton. This repeated offence, to say the least, certainly

has diminished our spirit, not to mention the great loss of my personal, valuable art objects, and worst of all, we now fear on a daily basis that anytime we may walk into another crime scene. With this predicament ahead of us, we are here to seek advice from the Town leaders and representatives. Does the Town Police force have the power to investigate this type of activity? We urge the Town to take immediate and appropriate action and demonstrate that this indeed is a community bound by the rule of Law, not by the destructive desires of individuals. Thanks for your consideration.